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1. The University Clinic of Riga is part of the University of Riga and is owned and operated by the government. The University Clinic (or hospital, in US terminology) has 15 buildings. It has 41 departments or branches of medicine and about 1,500 beds. During World War II a gymnasium located near the hospital was used to provide space for an additional five hundred beds. 25X1
2. [redacted] administration building is located on Pilson ieli No 13. It is of brick construction, modified Gothic style, and has four floors. It was erected before World War I. Facilities include admitting and discharge office, four surgery operating rooms, four surgical wards - each with 50 beds, an X-ray department, and an obstetrics ward of about two hundred beds.
3. Patients from any area in Latvia can be admitted to the hospital. Persons of both sexes are admitted but no one under 14 years of age is admitted. Admitting and discharge papers and case histories are accurately compiled and retained.
4. Surgical equipment is almost entirely of German manufacture and Siemens products predominate. Only a few small medical and surgical instruments are manufactured in Latvia. Among them are forceps, scalpels, and the electric lamps used in surgery operating rooms. The X-ray department has four large X-ray machines of German manufacture. In 1944 most of this equipment was more than 10 years old. 25X1
5. [redacted] the hospital's electric power is obtained from the municipal power system. This system is based on a hydroelectric plant in the Daugava River. The hospital has a central heating system which, [redacted] is steam heat. 25X1
6. Most medicines used at the hospital are obtained from German [redacted] firms. However, the Latvian firm, "Pharmacy", located in Riga does produce a small amount of sulfa and other drugs.

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